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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants herein acknowledge the Restriction Requirement of February 19, 2003, in the above-referenced application. Applicants hereby elect, without traverse of the Restriction Requirement, the claims of Group II., claims 32 through 41 and 66 through 75, directed to a method, classified in Class 451, subclass 41.

Claims 1 through 75 are currently pending in the application and subject to an Election of Species Requirement.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the species of invention as set forth in claims 32 through 36 and 66 through 70, illustrated in drawing Figs.1 and 2.

Applicants consider claims 32 through 36 and 66 through 70 to be generic, and note that upon allowance of a generic claim, claims 37 through 41 and 71 through 75 directed to a non-elected species of invention would also be allowable.

Applicants request an action on the merits of claims 32 through 36 and 66 through 70.

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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